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SUBJECT: RTG LACK OF POTENTIAL AS PROTECTING POWER FOR U.S.
INTERESTS IN LAOS

REF: A. VIENTIANE 4527: B. PARIS 16555

1. WE CONCUR IN REF A'S OBSERVATIONS THAT THAILAND WOULD
BE INAPPROPRIATE AS A PROTECTING POWER FOR U.S. INTERESTS IN
LAOS. QUITE ASIDE FROM THE INADEQUACIES OF THE THAI EMBASSY
IN VIENTIANE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE RTG WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO
ACCEPT SUCH A RESPONSIBILITY IN LIGHT OF ITS OWN OPENING TO THE
EAST. EVEN SHOULD THE RTG ACCEPT, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS WOULD BE EVEN MORE RELUCTANT TO CARRY OUT ITS
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PROTECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES, AND THE WHOLE ARRANGEMENT COULD

PROVE EXASPERATING AND UNSATISFACTORY.

2. SUBJECT TO TOKYO'S CONCURRENCE, WE WOULD AGREE
WITH VIENTIANE AND PARIS (REFTELS) THAT JAPAN IS THE RIGHT
CANDIDATE.

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